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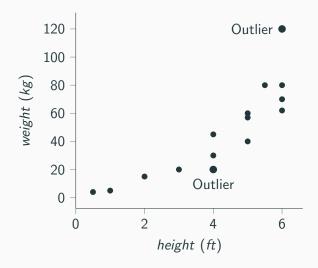
### Task at hand

• TASK: Predict Weight = f(height)

Height	Weight
3	29
4	35
5	39
2	20
6	41
7	?
8	?
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The first part of the dataset is the training points. The latter ones are testing points.

### **Scatter Plot**



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- Base demand is independent of the temperature and the # occupants, but, likely positive, thus  $\theta_0$  is likely positive.

# Normal Equation

# **Generalized Linear Regression Format**

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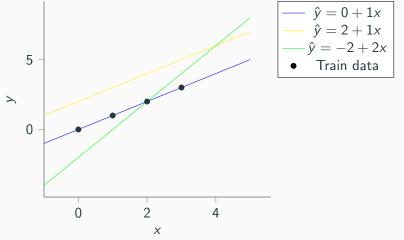
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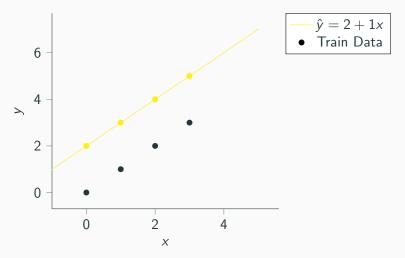
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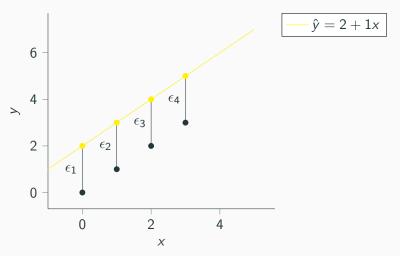
Out of the three fits, which one do we choose?



We have  $\hat{y} = 2 + 1x$  as one relationship.



How far is our estimated  $\hat{y}$  from ground truth y?



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### **Derivation of Normal Equation**

$$\epsilon = \mathsf{y} - \mathsf{X}\theta$$

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{ op} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta})^{ op} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$= \mathbf{y}^{\top} \mathbf{y} - 2 \mathbf{y}^{\top} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\top} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

This is what we wish to minimize

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## **Normal Equation derivation**

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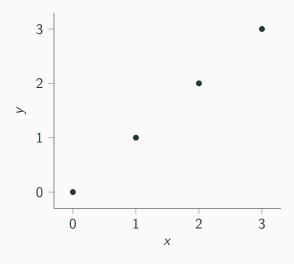
$$\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{OLS} = (\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{y}$$

X	У
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1	1
2	2
3	3

Given the data above, find  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_1$ .

### **Scatter Plot**



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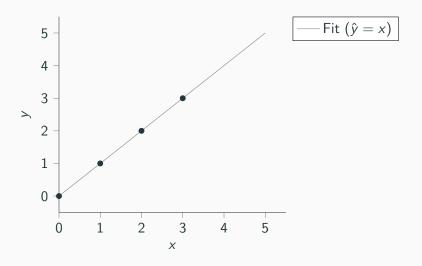
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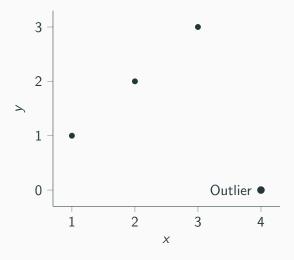


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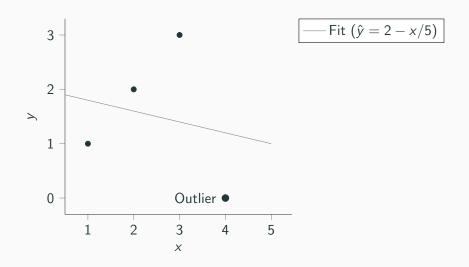
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Transform the data, by including the higher power terms in the feature space.

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Other transformations:  $log(x), x_1 \times x_2$ 

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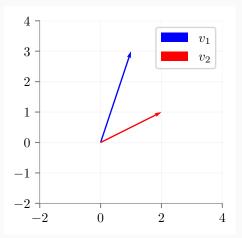
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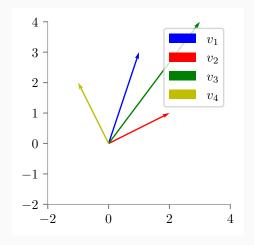
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# Example

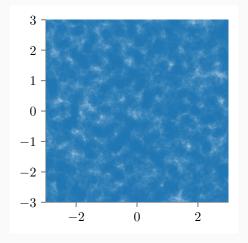






We have  $v_3 = v_1 + v_2$ We have  $v_4 = v_1 - v_2$ 

Simulating the above example in python using different values of  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ 



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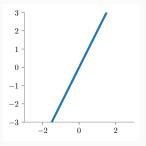
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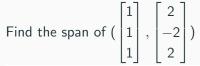
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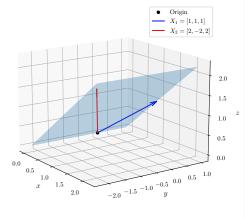
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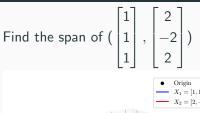
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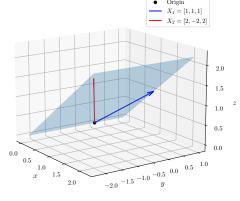


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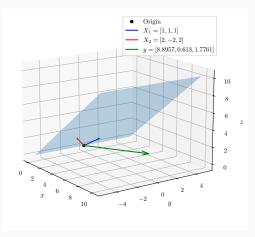
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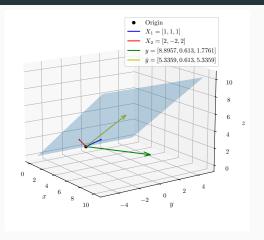
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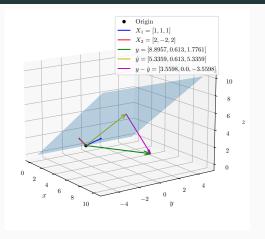
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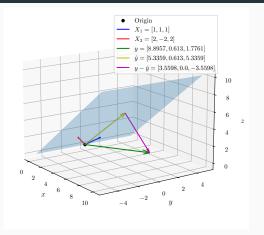




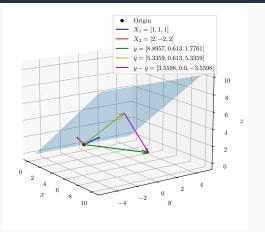
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